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A Quiet Legacy, A Lasting Impact: Local Donor Leaves $2 Million Gift to Lexington Community Foundation

LEXINGTON, NE — October 12, 2026 — The Lexington Community Foundation is honored to announce a $2 million legacy gift from a longtime community member whose generosity will make a lasting difference for generations to come.

Leonard Schinzel, who preferred to give quietly without recognition during his lifetime, believed in the importance of giving back to the community he called home. Through a thoughtfully planned gift, Leonard chose to leave a significant contribution to the Lexington Community Foundation, ensuring his generosity will continue well beyond his lifetime.

"This gift is a beautiful reflection of who Mr. Schinzel was—humble, thoughtful, and committed to Lexington," said Beth Roberts, LCF Executive Director. "He never sought attention for his generosity. His desire was simply to help make our community stronger, and we are honored to carry that vision forward."

The gift will provide resources to support future educational opportunities and community advancement that have the potential to benefit the community year after year, creating opportunities and addressing needs for generations to come.

Legacy gifts like this one demonstrate the powerful impact of planning ahead. A donor does not have to be abundantly wealthy or seek recognition to leave a meaningful legacy. A thoughtful gift, included in an estate plan, can become a lasting expression of what matters most to an individual and a lasting investment in the future of the community.

"This is more than a $2 million gift," said Tod McKeone, LCF Development Committee Chair. "It is a statement about believing in the future of our community. It reminds us that we all have an opportunity to leave something behind that can help others."

The Lexington Community Foundation will include a further memorial to Leonard Schinzel in its 2026 Annual Report, to be released in February 2027.

About the Lexington Community Foundation
The Lexington Community Foundation was established in 1982 to use philanthropy to improve the lives of all who live in the area. For more than 40 years, LCF has brought together respected philanthropists to find solutions to the community's most difficult challenges and connect with area nonprofits. For more information about planned legacy giving through the Lexington Community Foundation, contact Beth Roberts at (308) 324-6704 | director@lexfoundation.org or visit www.lexfoundation.org.